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SUBJECT: RUMANIAN DELEGATION VISITS ANGOLA

1. A THREE MAN RUMANIAN DELEGATION HEADED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, STEFAN ANDREI, ARRIVED IN LUANDA ON SEPTEMBER 4, WITH THE AIM OF TALKING WITH MPLA PRESIDENT AGOSTINHO NETO, THEN GOING TO NOVA LISBOA TO SEE UNITA PRESIDENT JONAS SAVIMBI AND FINALLY TO KINSHASA TO TALK WITH FNLA PRESIDENT HOLDEN ROBERTO. HIGH COMMISSIONER ADMIRAL CARDOSO TOLD ME THE RUMANIAN PRESENCE WAS THE DIRECT RESULT OF THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT'S DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE DESIGNED TO BRING INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE TO BEAR ON THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS TO CEASE HOSTILITIES.

2. I FIRST CAME ACROSS THE DELEGATION AT THE PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE BASE IN LUANDA; WE WERE ALL GOING ON THE SAME PLANE TO NOVA
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LISBOA. AFTER WAITING FOR TWO HOURS WE BOARDED A NORD ATLAS

EQUIPPED WITH JUMP SEATS. WHEN ABOUT SIXTY PASSENGERS - SOLDIERS- CIVILIANS, BLACKS, WHITES AND MESTIZOES - HAD BEEN CRAMMED IN, 22 CASES OF CIGARETTES WERE PILED UP IN THE AISLE AND PASSENGERS WITHOUT SEATS WERE INSTRUCTED TO SIT ON THEM TO PREVENT THEM FROM SLIDING. ANDREI LOOKED UNCOMFORTABLE IN HIS SUIT AND TIE, PRESSED AGAINST BODIES ON ALL SIDES, BUT HE TOOK IT STOICALLY.

3. WE TAXIED OUT TO THE RUNWAY, REVVED UP FOR THE TAKEOFF, TURNED AROUND AND CAME BACK TO THE TERMINAL. WORD HAD JUST BEEN RECEIVED THAT UNITA PLANNED TO SHOOT AT ANY PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE PLANE THAT SHOWED UP IN NOVA LISBOA. I CAUGHT A SMALL PLANE THAT WAS JUST ABOUT TO DEPART FOR NOVA LISBOA AND LOST TRACK OF THE RUMANIANS. I LEARNED ON MY RETURN THAT THEY DID NOT GET TO NOVA LISBOA, BUT HOPED TO BE ABLE TO GO TO LUSAKA AND MEET SAVIMBI THERE AFTER VISITING KINSHASA.
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